

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1102

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A RESOLUTION recognizing James R. Dedrick, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly often pause in our deliberations to recognize those exemplary citizens who have dedicated their careers to the pursuit of excellence and the upholding of this country's system of justice; and

WHEREAS, James. R. "Russ" Dedrick, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee, is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dedrick, who has served as a prosecutor for the past thirty-eight years with the United States Attorney's Offices, the Knox County District Attorney's Office, and the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the United States Army, was installed in his current position by Attorney General Alberto Gonzales in October of 2005; and

WHEREAS, Russ Dedrick first joined the United States Attorney's Offices in 1989, when he accepted the position of First Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of Tennessee, a position in which he served with acumen and alacrity until 1991, when he became the First Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, between April and November of 1993, Mr. Dedrick rendered sterling service as a court-appointed U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, in late 1993, Russ Dedrick was named to the position of First Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee and, between April and October of 2001, was once again designated as a court-appointed U.S. Attorney, this time in service to the Eastern District of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, he also served as an *ad hoc* member of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee between April of 1993 and December of 1995. He gained appointment to that illustrious committee from U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno; and

WHEREAS, Russ Dedrick stands as a stalwart paragon of jurisprudence and has, throughout his estimable career, committed himself to the pursuit of justice throughout the land, and it is wholly fitting that he be formally recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize James R. Dedrick, commending him for his tireless pursuit of justice and equity under the law, applauding his many years of service in the U.S. Attorney's Office, and extending our best wishes for his continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.